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A BEAUTIFUL DAY

Marked the Coming In of the Last
Year of the Century.

AN IDEAL WINTER'S DAY

And Skating on the Back River Was
the Diversion Sought by Hundreds
of Young People—Theaters At-
tracted Large Audiences—Services
Held in the Catholic Churches.
Many Entertainments.

New Year's day has come and passed, as every day and thing must do, and in Wheeling it wasn't remarkable for anything in particular, except that the Ohio river became gorged with ice. Business was generally suspended, factories, freight depots, offices, wholesale and retail establishments all suspending for the day. The weather continued cold, and snow in the morning gave Mother Earth her appropriate January covering of white.

There were matinees at both theaters, as well as night performances, to which large holiday audiences were attracted. There were services appropriate to the day in the Catholic churches; the Y. M. C. A.'s usual reception took place and was highly successful; the Arion, Carroll, Mercantile and Fort Henry clubs had open house to their friends; the Good, Vance and other receptions captured the interest of society, and hundreds of young people took advantage of the remarkably fine skating on the back river. These and other interests filled the day with enjoyment for thousands of Wheeling's population.

AT THE CATHEDRAL

Several Services Appropriate to the
Day Held.

The religious features of the day were confined chiefly to the services in the morning at the Catholic churches and they were attended by large congregations. They consisted of the prescribed masses, the most elaborate of which was the solemn high mass celebrated at the Cathedral at 7 a. m., for which Rev. Father Moye was celebrant, Rev. Father Harris, deacon, and Rev. Father Farrell, sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by Father Harris, who urged the forming of better resolves for the new year, and lamented the errors of the past as things to be avoided in the coming twelve months.

Low masses were held at 5:30, 9 and 10:30 a. m., the second named being conducted by Bishop Donohue, and the others by Rev. Father Harris. The bishop offered many good suggestions to be followed in starting out on the new year and in general made a most appropriate talk.

The altar and the church were tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreen and were brilliantly illuminated with candles.

Masses in line with the recommendations of Bishop Donohue for the diocese of Wheeling were also celebrated at St. Alphonsus church, whose congregation is made up of German-speaking Catholics, and at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, in the Eighth ward, and both edifices attracted large congregations.

CATHEDRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Enjoyed a Beautiful New Year's Entertainment.

"Happy New Year, 1900," greeted the audience that assembled yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the hall of the Cathedral high school, to witness the entertainment given by the young misses of St. Joseph's Cathedral Sunday School. The following were the principal characters:

Santa Claus..... Vincent Owens
Aladdin..... George Owens
Fairy Queen Snowflake..... Miss Loretta Green
Slave of the Lamp..... Miss Loretta Owens
Chorus of Fairy Snowflakes.
Troop of Brownies.

There was great merriment throughout the performance at the antics of Santa and his goblin troop. Aladdin, his wonderful lamp, and the gem were resuscitated by the magic power of Queen Snowflake. The Fairy Snowflakes glided and sang in excellent time, their graceful evolutions making a beautiful living picture.

The Sunday School is under the direction of the rector of St. Joseph's Cathedral, the Rev. O. H. Moye, who has endeared himself to the children under his charge by his unvarying affability and truly paternal solicitude. The Rev. E. Galloway, of the Cathedral, and the Rev. Joseph Mullen, of the South Side, honored the occasion by their presence. The many friends present of the young people were highly gratified by the effort made to usher in the new year with exceptional festivities.

THE Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION

Attracted Hundreds of Young Men.
Many Enjoyable Features.

The annual New Year's reception at the Young Men's Christian Association building occurred yesterday afternoon and evening, and attracted hundreds of young men. There were several attractive features that combined to make the function one of the most successful in the history of the Association, and Secretary Lynch and his co-workers are to be congratulated.

In the afternoon a feature was the New Year's photographic contest. Nearly 150 photographs, taken by young men of the Association membership, were displayed tastefully on the walls of the reading room. The rules provided that the entrant must not on-

ly make the negative, but also develop and print. The first prize went to Secretary J. C. Lynch, the subject being a beautiful landscape, the scene being Echo Point, with Mr. W. P. Helakell's residence in the background. For sharpness, detail, selection of viewpoint and workmanship this picture was well worth the award it received. The second prize went to Mr. Lambert S. Boyd, the subject being a woodland study, a young girl resting under outspreading elms after a game of tennis, the raquette lying at her feet. The judges were Messrs. George Kirk, A. P. Beardsley and R. M. Archer. The first prize was donated by J. H. Kirk's art store and second prize by Nicoll's art store.

Another afternoon feature was the game of basket ball. This was between teams captained by Robert Kraft and Harry Hesse respectively. The Krafts won in two ten-minute halves by the score of 2-0. The contest was an exciting one, hard fought at every stage. The teams lined up thus:

No. 1—Robert Kraft, Blond, State, Schumacher, Handy.

No. 2—Harry Hesse, Newman, Mitchell, Rader, Fredericks.

In the dining hall New Year's lunch was served by the ladies' auxiliary of the association. Of the lunch it is not necessary to say much; the ladies have a well-earned reputation that can hardly be added to by anything said in their praise.

In the evening there was a prize bowling contest on the bowling alleys. Charles Rader carried off the high score, with 201 to his credit and the other notable scores were those of Alf Dinger, 197; Harry Hannan, 196; Robert Kraft, 196; William Schmidt, 192; Allen Tracy, 190; Jesse King, 180; George Hoffman, 180. For third prize, Hannan defeated Kraft in the roll-off.

In the evening, from the stage in assembly hall, an excellent concert programme was rendered, as follows:

Overture..... Orchestra
Chorus..... Mendelssohn Choir
(Vocalists: Misses Phillips, Spell and Vardy)
Reading..... W. O. Geese
(Graduate King's School of Oratory)
Solo..... Miss Theresa Phillips
Solo..... Mrs. L. Williams
Reading..... Lambert Boyd
Trio..... Misses Spell, Vardy and Phillips
Chorus..... Mendelssohn Choir
Reading..... M. H. Riedel
Quartet..... Misses Phillips, Eyster, Spell and Vardy.

The committee of ladies who received on behalf of the Association was composed of the following:

Madames:—
A. W. Kelly, J. J. Bayha,
James Rhodes, J. J. Jones,
Mama Turner, J. C. Lynch,
Dr. Petrie,
Misses:—
Fannie Petrie, Venetia Newbit,
Laura Nesbitt, Gertrude Hardman,
Mary Vance, Mary Vance,
Edith Moore, Cook Wilson,
Elizabeth Garden.

COFFEE HEADACHES

Left When Change Was Made in
Postum Food Coffee.

"As long as I drank coffee, once every month, regularly, I had a bilious sick headache. I had often read in the papers about Postum Food Coffee, but, like lots of people, I thought you were praising your own goods to sell them.

"Finally I asked my husband to buy me a small package to try. I boiled it not quite as long as your directions said, and did not like it. The next morning I made coffee for breakfast and had a sick headache.

"The third morning I tried Postum again, boiling it about twenty minutes. Then it tasted good, and the longer I drank it, the better I liked it. That was about three months ago. We have had Postum ever since, and never in all this time have I had the least kind of a headache or been sick in any way.

"I told a brother-in-law of my experience. He suffered with bilious headaches, and was threatened with nervous prostration. He stopped coffee, and began using Postum Food Coffee, which he did not like at the first trial, but soon got so he liked it very much indeed, when they learned to make it right. It has cured him also.

"The following friends have been helped by leaving of coffee and using Postum: D. B. Wheat, his wife and sister; J. E. Mathews, his wife and daughter. We are naturally very strong advocates of Postum Food Coffee." Little E. Mathews, 468 14th street, Detroit, Mich.

FRENCH PROTESTS.

Against the Ratification of the Commercial Treaty.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—A stiff campaign against the Franco-American commercial treaty is about to be opened by the parliamentary opposition to the government and by the agriculturists. Despite the favorable report of the customs committee, a hostile current has become manifest among the deputies who represent the agricultural constituencies, as well as those who sit for certain industrial centers, against several clauses of the treaty. The agricultural associations have protested against granting the United States the minimum tariff, while manufacturers of farming implements, cycles and machines are deeply disturbed over the advantages accorded to their American competitors by the treaty. This anxiety is shared by the oil seed industry.

The outcome of this feeling is a motion to be submitted to the chamber of deputies by members specially interested for the postponement of ratification until the alleged objectionable clauses have been eliminated or modified.

The Wheeling Business College opens Tuesday, after a week's vacation. This school has just passed through the most successful four months of its history, and prospects for the next few months are most encouraging.

Removal Notice.

The Book Auction will remove Monday, January 1, from present location, to 1114 Market street. The auction sale will continue at that location until the entire stock is disposed of.

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Amateur Photography.

I herewith give the main points of manipulating daylight developing papers, and by following these directions one can, with the exercise of judgment and care, surely get good results, says the Philadelphia Press.

It is perhaps unnecessary to state that all daylight developing papers are species of bromide paper, and are treated in very nearly the same manner. I have found the most satisfactory form of light to be an ordinary gas light, turned down moderately low, or very low, according to the thickness of the negative. Before this light, from which the shade is to be removed, the printing frame is held, being moved about so that all parts of the negative will in turn get the full flare of the light. If your negative has any very dense portions, hold the frame motionless with those portions directly in front of the flame. I shall not attempt to go into the length of exposure. Experiment with a fairly dense negative at fifteen seconds and you can soon tell whether you are right or not.

So much for exposure. On your developing table should be placed three dishes or trays. The first can be an ordinary tin basin containing pure water. The second is to contain developer and the third fixing solution. The exposed sheet of paper is to be dipped in the water to facilitate flooding with the developer, and is then to be slipped beneath the surface of the developing fluid, which should be rolled over it by rocking the tray. This method of floating the print is far superior to the old one of swabbing. After the image has developed to the desired stage, transfer it to the fixing solution, where it should stay for ten minutes. Do not take a print from the developer as soon as you see it is under-exposed. Continued development will bring out a surprising amount of detail.

The best developer to use for daylight developing paper is unquestionably a combination of metol and hyposulfite. This comes ready prepared in tubes, four ounces of water being added to the contents of a tube. In addition to this add two drops of a 10 per cent solution of bromide of potassium to clear the whites. It is becoming a fad to add sugar to the developer, and I would recommend this to amateurs who are not too sure about their exposure. Sugar simply makes the developer work more slowly but has no effect. It enables the amateur to keep the development under more perfect control.

Since daylight developing paper first became the fad, I have used but one formula for fixing, and it has given perfect satisfaction, so I describe it. I always have on hand a stock solution of hypo, made by adding one pound of hypo to a quart of water. This I use for fixing plates. To make a fixing solution for daylight paper I take of the stock solution four ounces and add to it eight ounces of water and twenty drops of acetic acid. After ten or fifteen minutes in this the print should be thrown into water and allowed to remain there one hour.

The only difference between the old-fashioned diaphragms and the iris diaphragm in use to-day is the method of use. Several years ago, each stop was simply a round hole of certain dimension punched in a blackened piece of metal, and these were slipped in a slot in the lens tube. The modern diaphragm is permanently fixed in the lens tube and operated by various devices from the outside. It consists of a clever

arrangement by which the diameter of the stop may be widened or narrowed at will. There is no difference between the system of measurements used in the old and new diaphragms.

The most generally used method of facilitating focusing in dark interiors is to apply oil to the ground glass, so as to make it much more nearly transparent than it naturally is. Rub just a suspicion of oil, vaseline or glycerine on the rough side of the ground glass. The use of a compound focusing eyepiece will also prove of great aid.

The photographic results of the Spanish-American war were, on the whole, a great disappointment to the hundreds of men who took cameras to the front with them, because of the conditions which made it impossible to get comprehensive photographs of important events, says the Photo Era. The cables announce that a lieutenant of the royal engineers in South Africa has gone to the front with a camera of his own design, which he hopes will prove of great assistance in making military reconnaissances. He can carry his entire equipment on his own and his orderly's bicycles, and he alleges that by his method he can make his prints seven minutes after focusing. With a telephoto lens he can take his photographs at a safe distance from the enemy. Photographers who tried long-distance work of this sort in Cuba are likely to be skeptical of the results of this lieutenant's scheme until it has been well tested. The photographic results of our own war in Cuba were not much greater than they were during our civil war, when the old methods were used. One of the very best amateur photographers in New York was on board Sampson's flagship during the various bombardments of Santiago; and, though he used up many plates, he did not succeed in getting pictures which gave an idea of how the ships looked in action.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Going and Coming of Wheeling People and Visitors.

Miss Margaret Bonar, of Coon Island, was in the city yesterday, en route home from Parkersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Rios returned from New York yesterday, and will resume their teaching to-day.

Mr. F. C. Deatrick, of Martinsburg, who has been visiting his uncle, Mr. George M. Snook, has returned home.

Harry Bennett, of Elkhart, Ind., is spending a few days as the guest of his father, Capt. Thomas D. Bennett, of Sixteenth street.

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DIED.

STEWART—On Monday, January 1, 1900, at 5 p. m. MARIA, wife of Robert Stewart, aged 63 years.

Funeral from family residence, No. 280 Wood street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Peninsular cemetery. Friends of the family are invited.

MILLER—At her home, at Beach Bottom, on Monday, January 1, 1900, at 1:30 a. m. MRS. ELIZA MILLER, wife of the late Robert Miller, aged 83 years and 5 months.

Funeral notice hereafter.

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